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should be maintained. Reality requires that Netanyahu and Barak embark on an Israeli diplomatic drive based on the Arab peace initiative and serving as a basis for the renewal of negotiations with the Palestinians and with Syria and Lebanon, and for promoting normalization with the Arab world. Reality requires conducting diplomatic talks from a position of flexibility and willingness to compromise for an agreement, not just to pass the time. Reality also requires not being dragged into military adventures that engender enthusiasm at the beginning and disappointment at the end. If the Netanyahu government conducts itself in this manner, it will enjoy international support in dealing with its most complex challenge — the Iranian nuclear program.

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